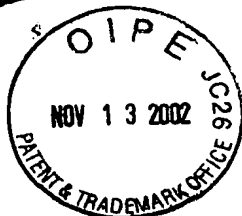


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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Office Action dated August 6, 2002, Applicants hereby submit a  
a Notice of Appeal and the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite the current versions of claims 28, 29, 33-34, 47 and 48 as follows.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following is a clean version of the rewritten claims. A  
marked-up version of the rewritten claims is attached on a separate sheet.

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